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1. According to an order from the Greifswald regional railroad headquarters, all rail shipments to Stettin via Grabow, including the regular express train from Berlin to Stettin, were to be stopped after 16 July. The reason for the order is not known.
2. On 15 July, several trains carrying 150 trucks, 20 jeeps, 30 AT guns and billeting equipment were unloaded at the Schoeneweide railroad station. The troops and equipment were shipped to Wuhlheide. [REDACTED]

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3. At 9 a.m. on 17 July, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and four trucks of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division were unloaded at the Schoeneweide railroad station and shipped toward Karlshorst. Between 8 and 9 a.m., 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 15 trucks with billeting equipment were unloaded at the Adlershof railroad station. [REDACTED]

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4. At 1 p.m. on 16 July, 20 T-34 tanks, four SP guns, six half-track vehicles and three trucks were entrained at the Schoeneweide railroad station. Two trains with soldiers carrying full field equipment had been dispatched from there at noon.

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[REDACTED] 5. At 12:30 a.m. on 17 July, a convoy of about 200 vehicles was observed leaving East Berlin toward Wassmannsdorf. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment: (paragraphs 2-5) This information indicates that elements of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division moved from Fuerstenwalde to Berlin, probably in order to release units of the 1st Mechanized Division. Similar observations indicate that the 12th Guards Tank Division has also been relieved.

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